

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction



Remember Our Troops

P.R.I.D.E.

Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Excellence

AT WORK



A New Memorial Tradition

As the wind calmed, the candles held by family and friends were lit one from another and provided inspiring illumination against the gathering dusk at the Connecticut Department of Correction Memorial. The solemn remembrance of the seven members of our correctional family, who have left our side during this past year, was marked with prayer, song and a heartfelt tribute to those whose presence enriched our lives. "In life, your loved one relied upon their fellow staff to safe guard them in the course of their every day duties," said Commissioner Theresa Lantz. "Tonight, we are here to do the same for you. Their professionalism, dedication and commitment live on in those whom they mentored." For the first time, the Memorial Service was conducted separately, during National Correctional Officer Week, as a candlelight vigil. With the red hues of the sunset as a backdrop, Commissioner Theresa Lantz called the roll of the seven names. Members of the agency's Honor Guard responded, "Absent Ma'am," and silently strode forward to place a rose under each name that had been carved into the



In Memorium:

John Cratty
Robin DeCarli
Timothy Fuller
Stephen Labins
Thomas Macura
Marvin Nicholas, Jr
Richard Reyes

Memorial. While the wind initially blew out the candles held by those attending, Native American Chaplain Mark Allen explained that was a sign of the presence of our fallen staff.

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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration

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About and for
correctional
professionals

May 9 - 22,
2004

Graduation - A Mother's Day Gift at York CI

Each Mother's Day, children large and small search far and wide for a gift to show mom how much she is appreciated and loved. When incarcerated, the gift selection is limited. But, this year some mothers of inmates at the York CI got the best gift of all, watching their child smile in a moment of pride and accomplishment.

"Hold on to this" said graduation keynote speaker, Commissioner Theresa Lantz, "this is the good stuff." The good stuff included the presentation of General Education Diplomas, Nurse's Aide and Commercial Cleaning Certificates and graduates of the Microcomputer classes offered at the school.

Principal Dorathula Green said "You were a woman long before you were an inmate. Your crime is only part of your life, not who you are." Donned in colored caps and gowns, the graduates each received their diplomas from the Commissioner and a receiving line which included Director of Programs and Treatment Mary Johnson and Warden Lori Ricks.



Warden Lori Ricks looks on as Commissioner Lantz presents a certificate to a graduate at York CI.

Take Your Child to Work Day

Take Your Child to Work Day 2004, celebrated on April 22, was a huge success. Children of staff members at Central Office were greeted by Commissioner Theresa Lantz and Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy at a breakfast, followed by a presentation explaining "What we do at work" as correctional employees. Reverend James Cook presented a workshop on diversity followed by a CERT demonstration with the K-9 Unit. The day ended with an insightful demonstration on Gang Awareness by Capt. Armando Valeriano of the Security Division.



(Above) Jessica, Julia and Jacob Bocek, children of Operations Secretary Filomena Bocek

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Last Chance Corral at Gates CI

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Once again, the Department of Correction and the Department of Agriculture have joined forces to provide a second chance for some needy four-legged creatures. On May 12, 2004, six miniature horses, one normal sized horse and a mischievous goat were rescued from substandard conditions at a Connecticut farm.

Their new address is the "Second Chance Corral" on the grounds of the Gates CI where they will be nursed back to health by Department of Agriculture staff and inmate workers. As with the previous



occupants, the animals will spend their days enjoying good food, plenty of exercise and most importantly much needed attention.

Everyone benefits from the experience said Warden John Tarascio. The inmates learned responsibility by caring for another living thing and are able to work outdoors during the nice weather. The Department and the facility share in the pride of doing a good deed, and the animals, of course, receive the greatest benefit of all.



2-1-1 Infoline - A Wealth of Resources

As an integral part of our strengthened inmate reintegration programming, meant to fulfill the Mission Statement goal of, "...opportunities that support successful community reintegration," the Department of Correction is increasing its collaboration with 2-1-1 Infoline.

2-1-1 Infoline is an integrated system of help via the telephone. A single source for community services, referrals to health and human services, and crisis intervention. Employment, housing, child care, elderly care, substance abuse, transportation, counseling, parenting education, is just a sampling of some of the topics.

The 2-1-1 telephone number is prominently featured as a valuable and multi-purpose resource in the discharge planning materials now being supplied to offenders as part of the agency's new re-entry program

Infoline was created in 1976 as a public/private partnership of United Way and the State of Connecticut. In 1995, Infoline was certified in crisis intervention by the American Association of Suicidology and our own Dr. Patrick Hynes, Director of Offender Programs and Victim Services, served as an instructor. The 2-1-1 Infoline number took effect in March of 1999 and Connecticut became the first in the nation to use 2-1-1 Infoline on a statewide basis.

The people who staff this toll free number can be accessed 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year, from anywhere in Connecticut by just dialing 2-1-1.

Job Well Done

Jacqueline R. Blackman, Office Assistant at Corrigan-Radgowski CI will graduate on Saturday May 15, 2004. Jackie received a Master of Science in Organizational Management from Springfield College in Springfield Massachusetts. Congratulations Jackie!



Why I Chose to Join the Best Calendar

PRIDE at Work is profiling some of the newest members of our agency who are a part of Pre-Service Class 224. During their first week at the MCTSD, they were asked to write an essay explaining why they chose to become a member of the Department of Correction. Their reasons make clear that our PRIDE, as the best correctional agency in the country, is an ideal that others are drawn to and seek to call their own. This week we feature Ray Martinez of York CI.

“As far as I can remember, friends and family have worked for the Department of Correction. I chose this career for pride and passion and on making a difference in someone’s life. I would like to thank Roberto Ramirez (New Haven CC) and Robert Mills (MacDougall-Walker CI), employees of DOC for encouraging me to become part of this team.”



Cadet Ray Martinez

May

The Department of Correction will be holding Open Enrollment/ Health Fairs at various locations throughout the agency. Please remember all forms must be submitted to Human Resources by May 28th.

May 30

Council 4 of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) will host a special cookout to honor our Connecticut veterans and their families at the CT Veterans Home & Hospital in Rocky Hill. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Please contact Meagan Batcheleder at (860) 224-4000 to make donations and to get additional information.

June 4

Retirement party in honor of Major Mary Rose Collins will be held at the Rocky Neck State Park Pavilion in Niantic from 6p.m. – 11 p.m. Come dressed in tropical attire and enjoy an evening of casual elegance. Tickets are \$35. Please call (860) 691-6749 for additional information.

June 9-11

Special Olympics Torch Run. For additional information please contact Captain Joe Carlone (203) 250-2608.

June 14

Hartford CC- QWL Committee is hosting the 2nd annual Golf Tournament at the Blue Fox Run in Avon. The registration fee is \$100 and includes a continental breakfast and dinner buffet. Please call C/O Mike Mahoney at (860) 240-1898 or 1899 for additional information.

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June 20

Father's Day



June 23

Jane Tilden Memorial Gathering-Dedication Ceremony will be begin at 1pm MacDougall-Walker CI (Walker Building). For additional Information please contact Fred Levesque at (860) 292-3469 or Stacy Smith at (860) 692-7675

June 24

Retirement Gathering in honor of Cheshire CI Staff will be held from 6p.m- midnight at Villa Rosa on Farmwood Road in Waterbury. The cost is \$35 per person. The following staff will be honored William Ahmed, Glenn Buehler, Lorenzo Byam, Chris Donovan, Rhodric Gates, Pete Ostrowski, Greg Peters and Michael Shukis. For ticket information please contact Lt. Barnes, Lt. Freeman, or C/O Mack at (203) 250-2665.

July 9

Retirement Party in honor of Robert Meldrum will be held from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at the Lily Lake Inn on Central Avenue in Wolcott. The cost is \$30 per person. For ticket information please contact C/O Delgado or C/O Rivera at (860) 679-4741.

August 1

Hartford Correctional Center is sponsoring a bus trip New York Yankee vs. Baltimore Orioles. Ticket price is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. For additional information please call C/O Figueroa (860) 240-1882.

Around the cell block



Mississippi- Four hundred and seventy five maximum-security inmates from Hawaii will be transferred to the Tallahatchie prison from facilities in Arizona and Oklahoma.



Florida- The former state parole board commission chairman began serving a three year sentence for cheating on his time sheets and expense reports.



California- The new warden of the state Institution for Women wants to increase programs that bring the children of offenders into the facility for programming.



Canada- A wedding ceremony took place at a federal prison between a maximum-security male inmate and a former female correction officer.



Jane Tilden Memorial Gathering

Prizes include:

- 1st Prize - Handmade Quilt
- 2nd Prize - 2 UCONN Football tickets to the Season Opener (09/04/04)
- 3rd Prize - George Foreman Grill

Ticket Prices:

- 1 for \$2.00
- 3 for \$5.00

Drawing to be held 06/11/04

All proceeds go to the Jane Tilden Memorial Gathering to be held 06/23/04

For tickets, please see/contact
Tracy Hartshorn - (860) 292-3462
Stacy Smith - (860) 692-7780

DOC in the News

DOC in the News is a weekly compilation of news articles regarding the Connecticut Department of Correction. This is provided by the Office of Public Information to better inform agency staff about the latest issues facing the Department. DOC in the News is available on the X-drive in the folder marked "DOC in the News. Questions may be addressed to the PIO staff at 860.692.7780 or at doc.pio@po.state.ct.us.

Years of Service

Employees with 20 Years of Service for March 2004

Godfrey, Eleanor	Correctional Industry Supv. II	YCI
Googe, William Jr.	Correction Officer	McWCI
Grande, Dale	Correction Officer	MYI
Kuhr, Donna	Secretary I	CCI
Morgan, Terrilyn	Correction Officer	YCI
Muccino, Richard	Correction Officer	BCC
Nidermo, Ronald	Mail Services Supervisor I	NCI
Peters, Gregory Jr.	Captain	CCI
Riccuito, Nicholas Jr.	Correction Officer	WCI
Roach, O'Neal	Correction Officer	BCC
Seegobin, Roy	Correction Officer	HCC
Thomas, Kathryn	Secretary I	CO
Wallace, Steven	Correction Officer	HCC



C/O Roach celebrated 20 years of dedicated service

Memorial, Cont'd

The ceremony was coordinated by Pam Connelly of the Human Resources Department. As darkness fell, taps was played and the strains of Amazing Grace from the bagpipes concluded, all of our brothers and sisters whose names are on the Memorial were remembered. "In the face of adversity, you have loved and respected others in such a way that they will always remember you. Your time with us has inspired others to acquire the same personal and professional qualities."



Department Chaplains offer blessing to DOC Memorial

Condolences



Warden Choinski of Northern CI is saddened to announce the passing of Judith Perry, mother of C/O James Perry. Warden Choinski is joined by staff in extending condolences to Mr. Perry and his family.

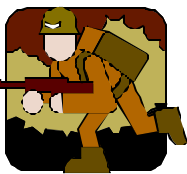
Supervised Population

on May 20th

22902

On May 20, 2003 the population was 23,054

Operation Correction Cares



The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider for the Department of Correction stands

ready to assist staff with the issues that may arise as a result of their return from military duty. Those who have so courageously served our country often find themselves placed in the difficult position of rapidly transitioning from an active war zone back to life as a civilian. If you need assistance, please take the time to call.



1-888-EAP-8900

MVP card recipients:

Baskerville, Charlene	Off Asst	CRCC	Lehoux, Wilfred	C/O	BCI
Bates, Edwin	C/O	BCI	Lamirand, Gary	C/O	BCI
Blackman, Jackie	Off Asst	CRCC	Malozzi, Diane	C/O	BCI
Buonanno, Virginia	C/O	JBGI	Matson, Gideon	C/o	BCI
Chabaszcz, Edward	C/O	BCI	Mercier, Michael	C/O	BCI
Coley, Christopher	C/O	JBGI	McTighe, Staviana	Off Asst	CRCC
Collins, Charles	C/o	JBGI	Moore, Carla	Rec Spec	CRCC
Cyr, Denise	Off Asst	CRCC	Muckle, Christopher	C/O	JBGI
Dawson, LeVan	C/O	JBGI	Mulholland, Dior	Sec 1	CRCC
DiGangi, Joyce	Off Asst	CRCC	Nash, Terri	Sec 2	CRCC
Duhaime, Elaine	Rec Spec	CRCC	Nenna, Edward	C/O	JBGI
Finelli, Donna	Sec II	WCI	Pepin, Jo	C/O	JBGI
Giarratano, Anne	Med Rec Spec	CRCC	Place, Melissa	Sec 2	CRCC
Gordon, Annette	Rec Spec	CRCC	Renaud, Christopher	C/O	BCI
Green, Robert	C/O	JBGI	Sas, Robin	Sec 1	CRCC
Guillet, Richard	GMO	JBGI	Singleton, James	C/O	JBGI
Johnson, Melissa	Off Asst	CRCC	Smith, Michael	Lt	BCI
Johnston, Carol	CC	WCI	Sullivan, Mary	Med Rec Spec	CRCC
Joseph, Lynette	Sec 1	CRCC	Tracz, Betty Lou	Off Asst	CRCC
Judy, Dwight	C/O	JBGI	Williams, Wilton	C/O	JBGI
Kay, John	CC	NCI	Workman, Karen	Sec 1	CRCC
Kelly, John	C/O	JBGI	Worski, Charlene	Sec 1	CRCC
Lane, Darryl	C/O	JBGI	Zaytor, Francis	C/o	JBGI

National Correction Officer Week Photos

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When someone mentions ice cream sundaes, pizza and foul shooting contests, the last thing that comes to mind is a prison. But, if you visited a correctional facility last week that is exactly what you would have witnessed as the Department observed "National Correctional Officer Week." Various activities were held to honor those who wear the silver badge including the Memorial Service held at the MCTSD.

Webster CI



(Above) Staff at Webster CI enjoy a cookout and good conversation during Correction Officer Week

York CI



(Above L-R) C/O Judy Bell the QWL Chairperson presenting a basket to C/O Robin Boislard who is accepting on behalf of C/O Alan Wolf. C/O Patricia Perry accepts a basket from Major Karen Oien.

Northern CI



(Above) Warden Choinski and staff celebrate National Correction Officer Week

As part of our celebration of National Correction Officer Week, we held a staff recognition ceremony on May 4, 2004.

All active military reservists and National Guard members were given a certificate of appreciation. Recipients in attendance were: C/O Mark Bispham, C/O Shirley Lambert, C/O Dirk Dufresne, C/O Vincenzo Tirone, C/O Wilmer Martinez, C/O William Stewart, C/O Antonio Chapman, C/O Raymond Caron, Lt. Richard Mahoney, and C/O Steven Reynolds. Not in attendance: C/O Adam Sledzianowski, C/O Douglas Caron, C/O Shane Mortimer, C/O Craig Paton, C/O Luis Garced and Nurse Dave Kibe.